

## Sample Outline for a Five-Paragraph Narrative Essay

Title: The Hazards of Moviegoing

### **I.** Introduction

Introductory statements

Thesis statement: I like watching movies but I prefer watching them at home.

### Body Paragraphs

### **II.** First Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence): just getting to the theater presents difficulties

- A.** bad weather
- B.** long drive and limited parking space
- C.** long waiting to buy ticket

### **III.** Second Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence): facing the problems of the theater itself

- A.** old theater's problems such as smelly carpet, worn-out seat, etc
- B.** new theater's problems such as smaller size, noise from next movie theater, etc
- C.** both floors will be rubber-like dirty at the end of the movie

### **IV.** Third Supporting Idea (Topic Sentence): Some of the patrons are annoying

- A.** bad behavior such as running, talking loud, etc
- B.** human noise and disturbance

### **V.** Conclusion

Closing statements

Restate thesis: I prefer to watch movies at home where it is comfortable, clean and safe.